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THE

WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE,

LONDON.

FOURTEENTH REPORT

1890.

The Working Men's College,

(Founded in 1854 by the late F. D. MAURICE.)

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Objects of the College.

The Students are, for the most part, working men, and the Teachers are, in general, members of the Universities and of the different professions, or those who have themselves been Students in the College. Its purpose is to unite these classes together by associating them in the common work of teaching and learning. It provides instruction at the smallest possible cost (the teaching being almost wholly unpaid) in the subjects with which it most concerns English citizens to be acquainted, and thus tries to place a liberal education within the reach of working men.

FOURTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE.

A comparatively short time has passed since the issue of the last Report in July, 1889, but it has been thought advisable that in the future some brief statement of the position of the College should be placed on record every year.

The efforts of the Advertising Sub-Committee have been continued with success. It may be remembered that in the October term of 1888, the number of class entries was 800; but in the same term of 1889, the class entries amounted to 1,110, and the individual students to 875—numbers which were in excess of any attained since the foundation of the College, and which on some nights in the week rendered it no easy task to provide class-rooms for the various teachers. During the year ending 2nd August, 1890, as many as 1,099 individual students entered for one or more of the classes, and so passed to some extent under the influence of the College. In the present term the numbers have not yet been received in full, but up to the 2nd week in November the class entries have been 989, and the individual students 769. The annexed tables show, at various dates, the distribution of the students amongst the Preparatory, Lower and Higher Divisions, and the relative attractions of the several subjects taught. They also give the proportions of class entries to individuals, and, with regard to new students, an analysis of the numbers according to their respective ages and employments. It may be observed that the percentage of class entries compared with individuals has rather increased, and that the percentage of clerks, collectors, reporters and other students pursuing similar vocations, as distinguished from those employed in actual handicrafts or other manual work, shows some tendency to diminish.

The financial position of the College is, comparatively speaking, satisfactory. Whilst the amounts received from students' fees are rising, it has been found possible to provide for the increased numbers with no great increase of expenditure under any head, except that of class teachers. The total of donations and subscriptions in 1889, is unusually high in consequence of a special appeal which was circulated in that year, and which from some friends of the College met with a most generous response.

The Annual Grant of £400 which the Charity Commissioners have allotted, out of the City of London Parochial Funds, to this College, and the College for Men and Women in Queen Square,

though not sufficient to permit any large development or extension of the College work that is not self-supporting, will enable that work to be continued on at least its present footing without the old trouble of frequently recurring deficits. It is not yet certain when the first payment will be received, as the Scheme of the Charity Commissioners has to go through many formalities before its final ratification.

The grant was allotted on the condition that some kind of union should be established between the two Colleges, and accordingly a working alliance was arranged, which took effect from October, 1889. A complete amalgamation was subsequently proposed and discussed, but it was found difficult to arrive at a settlement of all the points that arose, and it was ultimately decided to continue the alliance already arranged. This arrangement is now in operation, and its terms have been embodied, with some few changes and additions, in the Scheme prepared by the Charity Commissioners. Under its provisions, many of the classes in each College are open to the students of the other; the two Colleges jointly arrange the Saturday nights' lectures, and, with respect to men students, reciprocally throw open their Libraries and Common Rooms. A Joint Committee is appointed to carry out the provisions of the Alliance.

The free popular lectures on Saturday nights have been as a rule very well attended. That their character has been maintained will be seen from the following list of those to whose kindness the Council are indebted for lectures and addresses delivered since the date of the last report.

Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P. (*The Principal.*)
The Bishop of London.
Mr. Samuel Butler.
„ Gainsford Bruce, Q.C., M.P.
Dr. Carfrae.
Rev. A. Boyd Carpenter.
Mr. A. K. Connell.
„ Geo. Cunningham.
Mr. Clinton Dent.
„ J. G. Fitch.
„ Ernest Hart.
„ Geo. Howell, M.P.
„ B. Fossett Lock.
Prof. Lowne.
Col. Maurice.
Mr. E. D. A. Morshead.
„ Hodgson Pratt.
Dr. Tom Robinson.

The number of readers using the Library is increasing. A catalogue of the books has been prepared and printed under the supervision of Mr. P. G. L. Webb.

The Debates on various subjects held in the Common Room on alternate Fridays during the winter have been continued. The interest in social and economic subjects has of late largely increased and an Economic Club formed specially for discussing questions of that nature meets in one of the class rooms every Saturday evening.

The Maurice Rowing Club of which Dr. Furnivall is the head, is in a flourishing condition. Its headquarters are at Biffen's Boat house at Hammersmith.

Some reports from teachers will be found appended, as well as the tables above referred to relating to students, and a statement of receipts and expenditure.

Signed, on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R. J. MURE, *Vice-Principal.*

WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE, *November*, 1890.

MR. TANSLEY, Director of the Preparatory Division, reports as follows:—Although we have not quite so many members this (October) term as last year, we are holding them better, as the ratio of attendances to entries is larger. The effect of the lower scale of fees, introduced in 1888, is still noticeable. We are now attracting men with less leisure for home work than those who formerly came to us ; and we consequently have to keep them in the Preparatory Division longer. The students used often to pass into the Lower Division in one term, but we now have to keep the majority of them two or even three terms. Still we pass up a large, if not a larger proportion of our men, and many of them take a good place in the Lower Division. It seems that in the Preparatory Division we touch a stratum not touched by any other institution for adult education, except the recently established Board School Evening Classes, which do not aim at creating and fostering College life and spirit as we do in all our Divisions. If it be added that our Preparatory Division is most certainly training its members to rise from one stage of the College curriculum to the other, it would appear that this Division is fully justifying its existence.

As arithmetic teacher in the Lower Division MR. TANSLEY reports that, as last year the classes were too large for efficient management, it has been requisite this year to have three instead of two. The students having little time for work at home, the courses have been made longer, and half-course certificates have been instituted. The practice classes have proved very useful, and are much appreciated by the students.

The number of the Grammar classes has also been increased to three, in which the subject is carefully studied from beginning to end. Much homework is done, in the preparation of which the students get valuable individual help from the teachers of the practice class.

Mr. Dodds reports that in the Higher Division the work continues satisfactory. The class of English for Foreigners has been temporarily discontinued, but will be resumed in January, 1891. The Science classes under Mr. Scott have increased in numbers and vigour, the subjects of Physiology and Biology having been again taken up after an interval. The number of Shorthand students has cut the record, as Mr. Pocock's special report shews. The French class is most flourishing, seven separate sections receive instruction from M. Petré personally, and his assistants conduct practice classes. The German class has also grown since 1889, while new classes have been started in Italian and Spanish Under Mr. Cook's efficient supervision, the Art class which has always been a feature in the College curriculum, has been well maintained.

Mr. L. POCOCK reports that the Shorthand classes for the year ending August 1890, show a large increase in the number of students as well as an increase of classes held per week, as compared with the preceding year. In the October term of 1889 the seven weekly classes comprised 137 students, who entered the four different sections into which the classes are divided in the following proportions—Beginners 69, of whom 20 presented themselves for examination in December, and 15 passed into the Intermediate ; Intermediate30, of whom 10 candidates presented themselves and 3 passed ; Advanced 28, of whom 18 were examined and 16 passed ; and Reporting 10, of whom 3 were examined and all passed. These classes are with one exception conducted by present or past students of the College.

Extension classes in connection with the College are also being held at the Alexandra Institute, Walworth, and at the Presbyterian Church Institute, Somers Town. At the first named centre, those in French and Shorthand have now been going on with a very considerable amount of success for two years. Those at Somers Town have only recently sprung into existence.

TABLE OF CLASS ENTRIES, 1889-90.

	First Term Oct. to Dec. 1889.		Second Term Jan. to Mar. 1890.		Third Term Apr. to Jne 1890.		Oct. Term '90 *up to* 12 *Nov. only.*	
Preparatory Division	137		44		58		100	
	—	137	—	44	—	58	—	100
Lower Division								
Arithmetic	124		100		74		100	
History	19		7		4		11	
Grammar	78		53		43		77	
Elementary English Literature							2	
	—	221	—	160	—	121	—	190
Higher Division								
Literature	16		8		6		12	
Composition	12		18		6		22	
English for Foreigners	15		6		4		—	
Latin	46		24		20		37	
Greek	21		15		7		15	
Law	12		11		7		—	
Algebra	16		9		7		18	
Euclid	6		2		2		6	
Music	27		17		9		33	
Physical Science Classes ...	45		22		22		57	
Biological „ „	19		9		9		22	
Shorthand	139		112		81		147	
Book-keeping	49		23		18		31	
French	178		123		101		162	
German	31		24		15		37	
Art...	46		36		14		40	
Political Economy	40		9		—		38	
Philosophy	21		—		—		—	
Advanced Reading and Elocution	13		3		1		10	
Logic	—		17		—		—	
Italian	—		—		—		3	
Spanish	—		—		—		9	
	—	752	—	488	—	329	—	699
		1110		692		508		989

TABLES OF CLASS ENTRIES.

October Terms of last ten years, compared with number of individual students.

Year.	Class entries	Individual Students.	No. of Class entries to every 100 Students.
1881	784	688	114
1882	689	599	115
1883	645	549	118
1884	511	425	120
1885	557	482	115
1886	591	511	116
1887	436	383	114
1888	800	644	124
1889	1110	875	127
*1890	989	769	129

* To 12 November only.

EMPLOYMENTS OF NEW STUDENTS.

	Oct. '89 to July '90.		Oct. '90.	
Employed as Clerks, Collectors, &c.	236		120	
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„ as Drapers and other Shop Assistants ...	61		41	
		61		41
„ as Draughtsmen, Lithographers, &c. ...	14		13	
„ as Teachers, Reporters, &c.	7		12	
„ as Scripture Readers, Salvation Army Officers, &c.	1		2	
		22		27
„ as Soldiers and Policeman	13		2	
„ as Post Office, Custom House and other officials	27		13	
		40		15
„ as Porters, Messengers, &c.	40		25	
„ as Warehousemen, Storekeepers, &c. ...	27		24	
		67		49
„ in Building Trades	19		16	
„ in Clothing Trades	32		15	
„ in Printing Trades	45		28	
„ in Bookbinding and Stationery Trades...	13		6	
„ in House Furnishing Trades	40		19	
„ as Jewellers, Lapidaries, &c.	24		9	
„ in Coachmaking Trades	12		6	
„ as Weavers, &c.	2		6	
„ in Music Trades	3		6	
„ as Metal Workers	32		26	
„ as Watch, Clock and Scientific Instrument Makers	14		12	
„ as Saddlers, Harness Makers and in other Leather Trades	12		5	
„ as Cigar Makers, Pipe Makers, &c. ...	7		0	
„ as Servants and in the Production and Distribution of Food	20		4	
„ as Dentists	1		2	
		274		160
Not stated	12		6	
		12		6
		712		418

PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYMENTS AT VARIOUS PERIODS.

	1882.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1890-1.
Clerks, &c.	33	35	33·2	28·7
Shop Assistants, &c.	11	8	8·6	9·8
Professional Men, &c....	11	3·5	3·2	6·5
Officials, &c.	2	4·5	5·6	3·6
Warehousemen, &c.	8	13	9·4	11·8
Workmen	35	35	38·3	38·4
Not stated	—	1	1·7	1·2
	100	100	100	100

AGES OF NEW STUDENTS.

	Oct. '89 to July 90.	Oct. '90.
Under 20	238	123
20 and under 25	245	175
25 „ 30	124	66
30 „ 35	44	29
35 „ 40	13	10
40 „ 45	6	3
45 „ 50	2	1
50 „ 55	4	—
Not stated	36	11
	712	418

PERCENTAGE OF AGES AT VARIOUS PERIODS.

	1882.	1888-9.	1889-90.	1890-1.
Under 20	29·5	35·3	33·4	29.4
20 and under 25	44·7	34·1	34·6	41·9
25 „ 30	15	16·4	17·4	15·8
Over 30	9·1	10·5	9·6	10·3
Not stated	1·7	3·7	5·	2·6
	100	100	100	100

Numerical List of Students from College for Men and Women attending Classes at Working Men's College :—

	Oct.'89.	Jan.'90.	Apr.'90.	Oct'90.
History	5	6	5	2
Literature	4	5	4	8
Philosophy	2	—	—	—
Singing	6	8	1	6
Botany	2	2	2	3
Book-keeping	7	6	5	—
Political Economy	4	—	—	3
Composition	—	—	—	1
Greek	—	—	—	1
Chemistry, &c.	—	—	—	3
	30	27	17	27

Numerical List of Students of Working Men's College attending Classes at College for Men and Women :—

	Oct.'89.	Jan.'90.	Apr.'90.	Oct.'90.
History	1	—	—	—
Elocution	13	3	1	6
Algebra	3	—	—	—
Book-keeping	11	12	3	—
Euclid	—	—	—	6
Italian	—	—	—	3
Spanish	—	—	—	9
	28	15	4	24

Subscriptions during the year 1889.

	£	s.	d.
J. Bickersteth	5	0	0
M. Cababé (for 1888)	2	2	0
„ (for 1889)	2	2	0
C. Crawley	3	0	0
A. G. Crowder	2	2	0
J. A. Forster	2	0	0
T. Hughes, Q.C.	5	0	0
Lionel Jacob	1	1	0
H. R. Ladell	0	10	6
W. C. Lefroy	2	0	0
R. B. Litchfield	10	0	0
B. F. Lock	0	10	6
C. P. Lucas	2	0	0
R. B. Mansfield	5	0	0
Colonel Maurice	2	0	0
Maurice Football Club (per R. D. Raitt)	0	10	6
Maurice Rowing Club (per A. G. Koester)	2	2	0
W. Moore	1	1	0
R. G. C. Mowbray, M.P.	1	1	0
A. J. Munby	1	1	0
Marquis of Ripon, K.G.	5	5	0
G. Tansley	10	0	0
W. Thrower	2	2	0
C. A. Whitmore, M.P.	2	2	0
J. Westlake, Q.C. (for 1889-90)	6	6	0
	£75	18	6

Donations during the year 1889.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous, per Mr. J. D. Rogers (paid direct to Trustees)	100	0	0
Anonymous, per London and County Bank	200	0	0
Earl of Derby	20	0	0
John Martineau	25	0	0
Hon. Alfred Lyttelton	30	0	0
	275	0	0
Lord Brassey	10	10	0
F. J. Butt	1	0	0
Hon. Dudley Campbell	2	2	0
C. Crawley (special for advertising)	0	10	0
The Dean of St. Paul's	5	0	0
Sir Frederick Dickson, K.C.M.G.	2	2	0
Sir M. E. Grant Duff, G.C.S.I.	2	2	0
Albert Gray	2	2	0
A. H. Hawkins	1	1	0
W. C. Lefroy	3	0	0
H. R. Levinsohn	1	1	0
J. M. Ludlow, C.B.	10	10	0
Miss Honor Morten	0	12	6
R. J. Mure	5	5	0
G. W. Rivers (special for chairs)	2	0	0
P. G. L. Webb	1	1	0
	£49	18	6

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THREE YEARS, (1887-8-9).

INCOME.

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Endowment	£80 14 5	93 6 6	95 7 5
Students' Fees	253 18 0	256 16 6	361 14 6
Rent	93 5 0	93 8 4	87 12 2
Subscriptions and Donations ...	84 15 0	97 12 0	406 12 0
Miscellaneous	25 13 0	24 16 2	2 8 9
	£538 5 5	565 19 6	953 14 10

EXPENDITURE.

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Establishment	£379 7 7	374 2 10	391 4 7
Advertising, Printing, &c.	112 14 6	132 19 8	142 4 0
Class Teachers	85 14 4	83 9 4	115 3 8
Miscellaneous	36 14 4	32 4 6	35 10 8
	£614 10 9	622 16 4	684 2 11

FELLOWS.

WILLIAM ROSSITER	1856	J. RIGBY SMITH	1868
JOHN ROEBUCK	1858	ROBERT A. BULLEN	1885
GEORGE TANSLEY (M.A., 1889)	1858	SAMUEL STANDRING, Jun.	1887
W. A. DALZIEL	1866	EDWIN CHARLES GRATTAN.....	1890

ASSOCIATES.

DANIEL LEGGATT (LL.D., Lond. 1865).....	1859	JOHN D. NEWTON	1876
DANIEL WARDE	1871	WILLIAM FRANK FREEMAN.....	1886

SENIOR STUDENTS.

WILLIAM MARFLITT BOGG	1876	LEONARD POCOCK (Scholar) ...	1889
THOMAS DENHAM B.A., Oxford 1885).....	1880	CHARLES J. FROST (Scholar) ...	1889
WILLIAM SMITH.....	1882	WILLIAM CHARLES JONES	1889
WILLIAM DUKE	1885	GEORGE WEBB	1889
JOHN VAUGHAN (Scholar)	1886	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	1889
JAMES W. HANRAHAN	1888	ERNEST JAMES BLACKMAN.....	1889
GEORGE BUCKLAND	1889	EDWARD HARRISON (Scholar)...	1890
GEORGE WILLIAM SPRY	1889	PERCY C. MILLER	1890
GEORGE JAMES MCCARTHY.....	1889	JAMES BAILEY.....	1890
		JOHN D. MACNAIR.....	1890